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DIY ideas for college students

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Fact: being a college student is not a walk in the park. On top of keeping track of expenses, there are lengthy assignments to finish within an impossible time limit. Top it off with a dollop of stress and sleep-deprivation, because why not?

Apart from vacations, there's no time to let yourself breathe, so below are a few DIY ideas that can make your life a little easier.

Mug meals

This is probably the most convenient way to take care of your food cravings. You can make absolutely anything; from muffins, cakes and pancakes to mac n' cheese, omelets and hashes. All you need is five minutes and you've got a warm meal.

Cookie sheet magnetic board

A cheap and simple way to create your own reminder board! Keeping track of deadlines can be confusing, so it's better to have them all displayed. Buy a can of spray paint to personalize the board, use hanging strips to hang it and buy or make your own magnets.

Or, you know, a Sharpie and a calendar works wonders.

DIY coffee filter

What happens if your dorm doesn't let you have a coffee machine? Spending money on coffee every morning probably isn't the smartest thing to do. All you need is a foam cup, a coffee filter and an elastic band. Cut out the bottom of the foam cup and secure the filter over the opening with a band.

Hacks

Keep your phone inside a cup so the sound of your alarm is amplified. Plus, you're forced to get up to turn it off. Perfect for heavy sleepers!

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Setting your schedule as your screen lock is more convenient than scrolling through your photos. That way, you can always keep track of your classes.

Self-control apps are a pretty good invention too, for those who get distracted easily. Download one and use it to block certain websites while you study.

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Top 10 assigned reads that are worth the time
Roxanne Roessner
May 18, 2021

With summer right around the corner and the warm weather approaching, it's the perfect time to enjoy the sun and grab one of these classic but underrated books:

“To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee

The 1960 classic is a must read for most students for good reason. The novel focuses on the topics of racism and discrimination through the eyes of children. It challenges the social norms in ways that teach the reader as well as the children how the world operates.

“Glass Castle” by Jeannette Walls

This novel is the memoir of Jeannette Walls about her nomadic family and how her early years were shaped. It follows the ups and downs that they experienced together as a family. The story goes to show that one is unable to choose their family, but they can decide what to do with their future.

“Of Mice and Men” by John Steinbeck

“Of Mice and Men” follows the narrative of two farmhands through California during the Great Depression. Their story is filled with heartache and hope, and its ending will leave you speechless.

“The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald

In celebration of the coming of 2020, read “The Great Gatsby” in order to kick off your roaring 20s right! Filled with extravagant parties and watchful eyes, “The Great Gatsby” is one that will not disappoint.

“All Quiet on the Western Front” by Erich Maria Remarque

“All Quiet on the Western Front” is a novel that covers the German experience during World War I. It covers the soldier's home lives to their struggle on the battlefield with a unique lens that most American readers would not expect.

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“Fallen Angels” by Walter Dean Myers

This novel by Walter Myers follows a group of soldiers during the Vietnam War and their struggles for survival and sanity. With vivid descriptions and loveable characters, “Fallen Angels” is a must-read for all readers.

“The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” by Sherman Alexie

Sherman Alexie tells the tale of Junior Spirit, a young cartoonist and Native American teen, as he leaves his reservation’s school system for a while school in order to follow his dreams of creating comics. He finds himself not belonging to either world and must find balance.

“The Death of a Salesman” by Arthur Miller

This stage play was written by Arthur Miller and while it may have a slow start, the story beautifully critiques what it means to be a man in America and the unattainable American Dream that is so sought-after.

“Moby-Dick” by Herman Melville

How many allegories and metaphors can fit into one book? All of them. All of them fit perfectly into Moby-Dick.

“Metamorphosis” by Franz Kafka

This novella drops the reader into the life of a man who overnight transforms into a cockroach. Readers are able to watch as this human-sized bug tries his best to cope with his new world.

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Crawford Hoying Announces Big Plans for WSU Housing, Lowers Costs
News Team
May 19, 2021

Dylan Collison and Katie Chrosniak contributed to this story.

Dublin, Ohio-based Crawford Hoying has big plans for Wright State University (WSU)'s Residence Life and Housing. The commercial real estate company has taken over most of the student housing serving WSU, with modernization plans affecting various residence halls and apartment communities.

Crawford Hoying plans to invest millions into WSU housing as the company takes over management. Plans for housing communities may include new fitness areas, an outdoor swimming pool and more open living areas, according to a university press release.

"We're excited about Wright State's long-term vision, and we feel there's an opportunity to make small changes in the student housing that will make large impacts on students' lives," Mike Landrum. Crawford Hoying's executive vice president of property management said in a recent press release.

Background

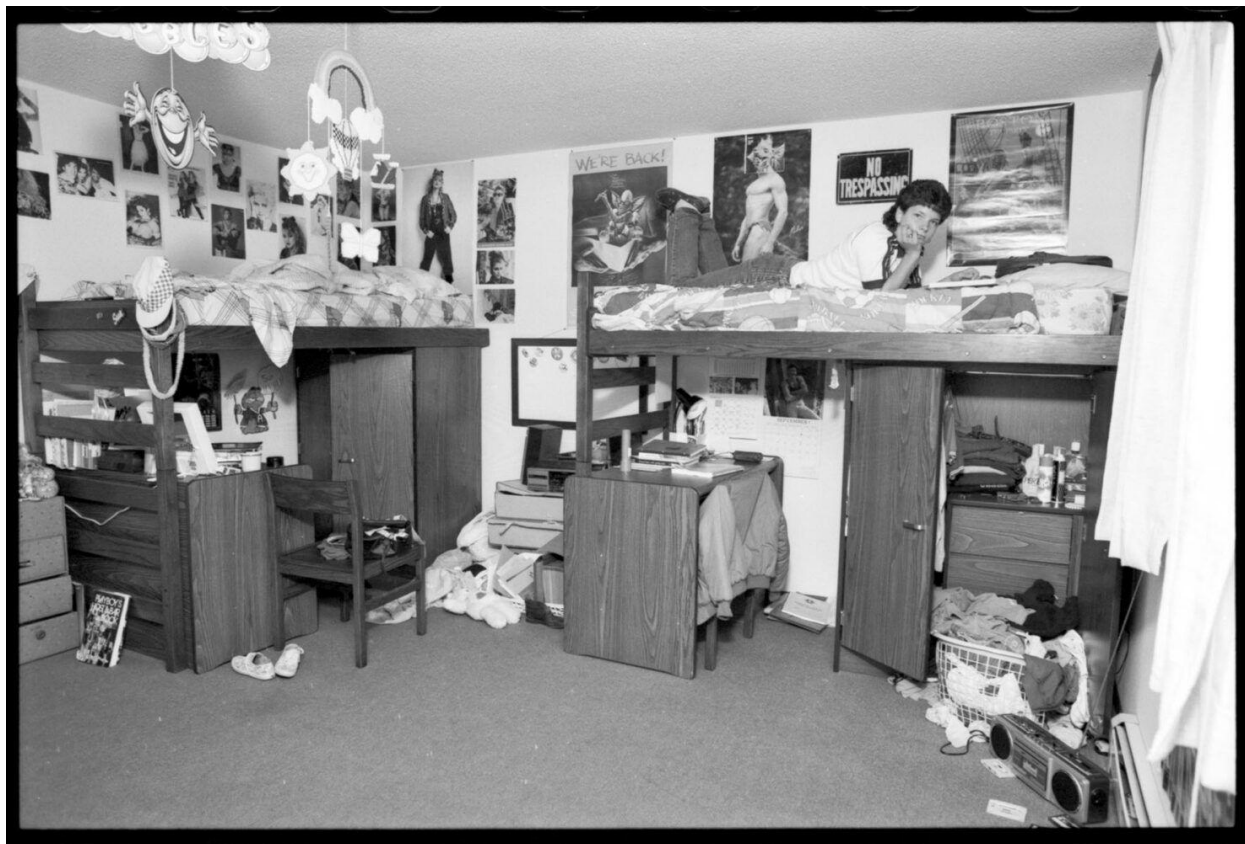
WSU's on-campus housing construction began in the 1970s. Hamilton Hall was the first residence hall built in 1970 and remained the only residence hall on campus for several years. The hall initially housed 322 students. The university acquired the Forest Lane community later that decade.

By the end of the 1970s, WSU constructed 13 major buildings on campus—with Hamilton Hall being the only residence hall.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, WSU constructed the Woods Halls and on-campus apartments to keep up with the increasing demands for housing options. The Honors Community is the most recently constructed residence hall, completed in the fall of 2002.

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Woods Room, 1986 | Photo Courtesy of Digital Initiatives and Repository Services

As of 2021, WSU offers 29 different living options between residence halls and on-campus apartments.

AM Management owned and maintained the majority of the housing facilities on WSU's campus, with an operating agreement established in September 2006.

The contract between the university and AM Management has been extended several times since the initial signing and was set to end in June 2021. As of Dec 30, 2020, ownership of these properties was transferred from AM Management to Crawford Hoying.

Crawford Hoying is founded by Brent Crawford and former Ohio State quarterback Bob Hoying. The company has invested densely in the Columbus and Dayton markets, managing over eight million square feet of multifamily and commercial properties. According to Landrum, the company's roots are in student housing, and it has always enjoyed its interactions with student populations.

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“We had owned a similar type of property at Ohio State, off-campus called Olentangy Commons, and we owned that for a number of years, said Principal Bob Hoying. “A lot of similarities to [Wright State], and what was a little bit older, needed some attention, and we invested a considerable amount of money back into Olentangy Commons and really brought it back to life and. So, when we started looking at the opportunity at Wright State—a lot of it felt very familiar to us.”

Development and Price Changes

Landrum said Wright State offers various housing options that provide a particular framework for the refresh that Crawford Hoying has planned.

“We’ll be updating and upgrading the existing buildings to better resonate with the students,” Landrum said. “Our plan is to modernize the current student housing options, beginning with the shared common spaces and amenities in each building.” Changes include free laundry in all communities and a new outdoor fitness trail.

According to Hoying, the first steps will be more uncomplicated physical repairs to the exterior asphalt and concrete, landscaping improvements, power washing and interior painting. Next will come interior lobbies and lounge refreshes, cabinets, flooring and exterior painting.

“We’re most excited about a Clubhouse addition that will feature a fitness area and an expansive outdoor swimming pool,” Landrum said.

Though subject to change, the planned location for the Clubhouse is near the current leasing office, adjacent to the Village Apartments and Woods Halls. According to Hoying, the plan is to work with Chartwells for a new dining hall for the facility and encourage general dining improvements university-wide.

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Village Apartments | Photo Courtesy of Wright State University

According to Jessica Rexer, senior vice president of marketing and communications, the planning and design of the Clubhouse are currently underway. Once the design of the Clubhouse and the list of amenities is finalized, Crawford Hoying will share additional details, images and information.

Through the public-private partnership, the company is focused on improving student involvement at the university. According to Hoying, living on campus is the experience when attending university.

“[Housing] is a way to attract students, and I don’t think that’s necessarily the case at Wright State currently. That’s the opportunity for us. We want to make improvements; we want to invest money to provide amenities to update units so that students want to live on campus again,” Hoying said.

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“They understand the competitive landscape and know there has to be a level of amenity and service provided to maximize occupancy. They have a plan to freshen up the housing and make it exciting, said Gregory Sample, executive vice president and chief operating officer at Wright State.

The company, with approval from the Board of Trustees, seeks to lower housing rates dramatically. Rates will be decreased for some of both WSU and Crawford-Hoying-owned facilities. According to the university, the rate changes will affect all current housing cohorts.

“We want to be competitive with everything else on Zink Road that’s market rate and off-campus. We want to get people living back on-campus. ‘See all the amenities; all the changes; and, the investment,’” Hoying said.

Proposed Housing Rates

Hall/Apartment	Room Type	2020-21 Semester Rate	Proposed 2021-22 Semester Rate
Hamilton Hall	Super Single	\$3,349	\$2,700
Honors Hall	Super Single	\$3,728	\$3,728
Honors Hall	Double	\$3,030	\$2,300
Woods Halls	Single	\$3,350	\$3,390
Woods Halls	Super Single	\$3,691	\$3,731
Woods Halls	Double	\$2,872	\$2,300
Woods Halls	Double Deluxe	\$3,355	\$2,700
Woods Halls	Triple	\$2,652	\$2,100
Forest Lane Apartments	Studio	\$3,605	\$2,500
Forest Lane Apartments	Small – Two Bedroom	\$3,771	\$2,500
Forest Lane Apartments	Large – Two Bedroom	\$4,264	\$2,750

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College Park Apartments	Quad	\$3,091	\$2,091
University Park Apartments	Quad	\$3,091	\$2,091
Village Apartments	Efficiency	\$2,567	\$2,567
Village Apartments	Deluxe Efficiency	\$2,931	\$2,931
Village Apartments	One-Bedroom	\$3,329	\$3,329
Village Apartments	Two-Bedroom	\$3,787	\$3,787
Village Apartments	Two-Bedroom Split Lease	\$1,975	\$1,975

Purchase

According to Greene County mortgage records, Crawford Hoying purchased the properties through various Limited Liability Companies (LLCs) for \$32,410,000, with a required down payment of \$2 million to Wright-Patt Credit Union, who serves as the mortgagor.

LLCs—sometimes known as shell companies—are conventional among real estate corporations, typically used to protect buyer interests or organize subsidiaries for tax purposes.

Wright State has used subsidiaries such as the Double Bowler Properties Corp. to acquire and develop various properties near the university's two campuses.

The Wright State Guardian discovered the acquisition in March through regular review of university's property records, as provided by the Greene County Auditor's Office.

The purpose of the deal was initially unknown, and AM Management, Wright State University and Crawford Hoying initially delayed responding to comments on the sale of the properties. At the time of publication, AM Management has still yet to comment on the exchange.

The magnitude of the transaction is not one of insignificance—requiring both acknowledgment and consent of Wright State and the State of Ohio's Department of Administrative Services due to the university operating current leases on the properties. According to the university, the operating agreement between Crawford Hoying and the institution is still in the works.

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According to Sample, the business contract will assure that the university is fully compensated for the residential support services it provides.

“The Crawford Hoying team understands revenues from the student housing operation must cover all costs, including university expenses,” Sample said. “What’s exciting about their approach is they’re looking to make investments while also exploring opportunities to lower housing rates for the upcoming fall.”

With a total of 3,250 beds on campus, Crawford Hoying will operate nearly 2,700 beds under this agreement—or over 80% of the university’s housing operations.

The transaction also includes empty Forest Lane subdivision properties from 6058 through 6061 Forest Lane, adjacent to the Chi Alpha Campus Ministries house and the Cimarron Woods Apartments campus access path. According to Rexer, for the time being, Crawford Hoying’s primary focus is the management of the student housing buildings at Wright State University. No plans have been released for these parcels.



Forest Lane Parcels



Next Steps, Timeline

According to Hoying, planning for the Clubhouse will continue the rest of the spring and into the summer, with construction beginning in the fall of 2021. Though the precise open date is yet to be determined, it is anticipated that the building will be completed by next spring.

Landrum and Hoying have both described the renovations and new construction to be in the “millions and millions of dollars.”

“The relationship between Crawford Hoying and Wright State holds great opportunity. The key to success is working from a common shared vision,” Sample said. “They see the student as the primary customer and are focused on positioning the Wright State student housing portfolio to be the preferred choice for students living on or near campus.”

According to Hoying, the real estate company is here “for the long haul,” and he is unsure if the improvements “are ever gonna stop.”

“Customer service is always top of mind, and we hope that the students feel our support each and every day,” Landrum said. “In addition to the amazing service we provide, we’re committed to offering excellent facilities and modern amenities to the students who truly deserve them.”

More information regarding housing changes can be found at wright.edu/housing or by calling 937-775-4172.

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Dayton's Not Dead: The US Airforce Museum
Kaylee Raines
May 20, 2021

Thousands of military and aviation enthusiasts from across the country head to Dayton each year to visit the National Museum of the United States Airforce.

Wright State University (WSU) is located in close proximity to the Dayton campus. This makes it an excellent choice for WSU students looking for an educational (and free) experience.

Their Mission

According to the museum's official website, its mission is to collect, research, conserve, interpret and present the Air Force's history and heritage. This mission is accomplished through engaging exhibits, educational outreach, unique programs, and stewardship of the collections.

"We are the keepers of their stories," according to the website.

The museum focuses on enriching the community through historical and educational awareness. It provides free events and facilities that are available to the public in order for the American people to have access to their history.

The Air Force Museum Foundation

In addition to the museum itself, there is an Air Force Museum Store, Air Force Attractions and Air Force Museum Theatre. These features are run by the Air Force Museum Foundation. This is a 501c3 that is separate from the museum and solely dedicated to raising funds and awareness to support the museum.

As Director of Marketing and Communication for the Air Force Museum Foundation, Chuck Edmonson plays an integral role in raising awareness and funds for the museum. Passionate about the museum, Edmonson highlighted some of the fun activities WSU students can do at the site to support the foundation and museum.

Astronaut Ice Cream (freeze dried real ice cream), books, t-shirts, and toys are some of the most popular items according to Edmonson. Store sales are important to the foundation and shopping can play a powerful role in the museum's functions.

"Funds generated by the Air Force Museum Store, along with the other foundation operations I mentioned above, are provided directly to the museum for special projects and underwriting

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activities geared toward education, volunteer support, special events and promotional efforts. Any purchases made in the museum go to the museum,” Edmonson said.

There is a program called Friends of the National Museum of the US Air Force in which supporters donate \$50/year and receive access to the “Friends Journal” which is an award-winning publication highlighting Air Force stories and adventure. Friends donors also receive discounts in the Museum Store, Theatre, and Cafe.

To become a Friends donor or to inquire about other means of donating, please [click here](#)

Summer 2021 Events

As a part of the Public Affairs Division for the National Museum of the US Air Force, Danielle Almeter also plays an integral role in the museum. There are over 350 aerospace vehicles and missiles, thousands of artifacts and more than 19 acres of indoor exhibits for visitors to enjoy.

Almeter confirmed that the museum is a National Aviation Heritage Area.

According to their official website, The National Aviation Heritage Alliance is an organization that seeks to conserve, interpret, develop, and promote the historic resources of the locations within the National Aviation Heritage Area. Almeter explains that the museum is constantly working with other organizations to coordinate events.

“We often work with the Greene County Convention & Visitors Bureau, as well as the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau. The museum also serves as the location for many military reunion groups,” Almeter said.

Information on the military reunions can be found [here >>](#)

Additionally, Almeter explained that the following events are available for free and that WSU students are invited to join:

Operation: Dinosaur is Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 4-8 p.m.

Space Celebration is July 22 – August 7, 2021

Information about both events can be found at [here >>](#)

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Breaking: Wright State Hires Cedarville's Kari Hoffman as Head Women's Basketball Coach
Noah Kindig
May 20, 2021

Athletic Director Bob Grant's search for a new ringer for their women's basketball team has come to an end, with Kari Hoffman stepping up to fill the position.

"We are thrilled that Kari and her family are joining our Raider Family," Grant said. "During this process, it became clear that Kari has the passion and the priorities that we value in our culture."

Hoffman will be replacing Katrina Merriweather, who left the position in March for the University of Memphis

Merriweather left the position with big shoes to fill, averaging a 70% win rate overall and almost an 80% winrate in league play. She also gave the Raiders their first NCAA tournament win, upsetting 4th seed Arkansas in the first round.

But, if anyone is able to fill those shoes, Hoffman seems to be up to the job. Hoffman already has a bit of Horizon League experience, as she spent the 08-09 and 09-10 seasons at the Green Bay Phoenix as the Director of Women's Basketball Operations.

In her five seasons at Cedarville, she averaged a 73% win rate overall and a 76% win rate in conference play. She never had a losing season, and was always third place or higher in every league season, placing first three times.

Her first press conference will be held tomorrow at 11:30 tomorrow morning. The event will be closed to the public, but it can be watched on Facebook Live.

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WSU to Celebrate African American Fraternities and Sororities with NPHC Plots

Makenzie Hoeflerlin

May 20, 2021

Students, staff, faculty and alumni gathered on Wright State's campus Thursday afternoon to celebrate the groundbreaking of the National Pan-Hellenic (NPHC) plots to be built on campus.



NPHC Plots Rendering | Courtesy of Wright State University

Long overdue

A long time in the waiting, community members gathered to celebrate the beginning of a plaza that will represent students of the NPHC and the history of those that came before them.

“When I first started in SGA about four year ago and I was student body vice president, I went to [President Susan Edwards’] office and I said, ‘you know Wright State does a lot of talking about how they want to support minorities, how they want to be an inclusive university, but sometimes I feel like it wasn’t backed up by action,’” Former Student Body President and Kappa Alpha Psi member Adrian Williams said.

Williams was not the only member of the campus community to notice the absence of representation on campus and a need for change.

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"I remember coming to Wright State in 2018 as a freshman just turning 18, that I didn't ever really see any representation here for NPHC, besides the tunnel paintings," WSU's NPHC President Daishanae Moore said.

According to Williams, Edwards issued a new culture at WSU and supported the NPHC plots from the beginning.

"This was a long and overdue occasion," Edwards said. "I am very thrilled to have worked with such fabulous students who have really had passion and drive to see this to fruition."

According to Gina Keucher, program director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, the plots are a visible symbol of recognition, especially to students who struggle to feel like they were important on WSU's campus.

"It is an absolute statement that you have a home here, that you have a space on this campus," Keucher said. "I'm really hoping that is a way for them to hear the administration and their real desire and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion."



NPHC Plots Rendering | Courtesy of Wright State University

The History of NPHC

NPHC plots were originally started on historically black college campuses, but the idea made its way to predominantly white college campuses, such as WSU.

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WSU is believed to be one of the first predominantly white public universities in Ohio to create such a plot.

At Cornell University in 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha was the first Greek-letter Fraternity established for African American men. The NPHC was created 24 years later, in 1930.

Today, the NPHC includes the divine nine historically black greek letter fraternities and sororities.

“Plots on campus serve as a recognition of the historical importance of land and how land was denied to black families,” Daishane Moore, president of NPHC at WSU, said.

According to Adrian Williams, the Divine Nine and the NPHC started from African American students trying to find a home on campus.

“In the early 1900s, they [African Americans] were allowed to get an education at predominately white institutions, but they were not allowed to do any of the activities that kind of make the college experience the full thing, so they formed their own.”

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NPHC Plots Rendering | Courtesy of Wright State University

Donating

According to Keucher, \$25,500 has already been raised for the project through generous donations from community members, including Wright Patt Credit Union, the Wright State Alumni Association, and the African American Alumni Society.

Those wishing to learn more about the NPHC Plots or how to donate can click [here](#).

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Wright State Announces New Outdoor Masking Guidelines

Jamie Naylor

May 20, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) President Sue Edwards announced Thursday afternoon that fully vaccinated individuals no longer have to wear masks outside while on the Dayton or Lake campuses as part of new masking guidelines.

New requirements

Following recommendations from national and local authorities, President Edwards announced that those fully vaccinated against the coronavirus no longer have to wear masks outside. Edwards also recommended—but went short of requiring—unvaccinated individuals to continue to wear their masks while outdoors.

According to the release, everyone, those vaccinated and unvaccinated, must still wear their masks while in a university building or indoor space on campus. The exception being if the individual is alone in a lab or office.

The communication also indicated that more changes are to come as more staff and students continue to get vaccinated.

Broader guidelines

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recently updated coronavirus recommendations for those fully vaccinated against the coronavirus. Including updated mask requirements. Following these updates, many states and institutions have updated their coronavirus restrictions and regulations.

For the State of Ohio, most coronavirus restrictions will expire June 2, including mandatory mask wearing for those who are fully vaccinated.

These updated safety precautions are based on updated research and encourage those who have not yet received the vaccine to get vaccinated.

President Edwards expressed in the communication that WSU students and faculty wishing to get either the Johnson and Johnson vaccine or the Moderna vaccine can still do so at Wright State Physicians.

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Quiet Summer on Campus: Student Orgs Prepare For Fall

Kaylee Raines

May 21, 2021

The Summer 2021 semester is from May 10-July 29 and student organizations are using this semester for minimal activities and fall preparations.

Student Involvement and Leadership

The Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) office is dedicated to helping students find activities and events to enhance their college experience and prepare them for the responsibilities awaiting following graduation. SIL is involved in student organization services, campus programs, fraternity and sorority life, and leadership development programs.

SIL currently does not have any scheduled events this summer. Associate Director, Debbie Lamp, indicated that when events are scheduled they will be located in the CORQ app and on the SIL website.

"It's quiet around here during the summer months," Lamp said.

Fitness Classes with Campus Recreation

Wright State University Campus Recreation is offering several events this summer that provide students with group exercise opportunities. As Program Manager for Fitness and Wellness programs for the rec center, Kara Donbrock helps to coordinate these events for students.

Donbrock says that students are invited back to campus this summer to participate in yoga, cycling, Total Resistance Exercise (TRX), functional training, and pilates classes by signing up on IMLEAGUES.

"Classes are free for students and currently free for staff and faculty," Donbrock said.

Here is the schedule for these events:

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**SUMMER 21 GROUP
FITNESS CLASSES**

5/10-7/29

IN-PERSON GROUP FITNESS SCHEDULE

Monday 12:15-1 PM	Cycle Sculpt with Shannon	Studio A
Monday 5:15-6 PM	TRX with Sarah	Studio C
Tuesday 12:15-1 PM	Functional Training with Kara	Studio C
Wednesday 12:15-1 PM	Cycle with Shannon	Studio A
Wednesday 5:15-6 PM	TRX with Sarah	Studio C
Thursday 12:15-1 PM	Cycle with Arian	Studio A
Thursday 5:15-6 PM	Pilates with Hanzade	Studio C
Friday 10-10:45 AM	Yoga with Tanvi	Student Union Patio*

*Yoga with Tanvi will be cancelled in the event of bad weather

MASKS ARE REQUIRED
REGISTER ON IMLEAGUES
SPACE IS LIMITED



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University Activities Board

Typically holding several events a semester, the University Activities Board (UAB) exists to help bring students together through inclusive, fun activities on campus. They are active on Instagram and other social media platforms throughout the school year in order to raise awareness for campus activities and encourage students to get involved.

However, new UAB President Jeffrey Shehee indicated that this summer will provide an adjustment period for new staff to get trained and for preparations to be made for fall semester events. As of now, the only appearances or events being made by UAB involve any orientations or open houses that may occur this summer.

UAB is planning to bounce back this fall with some interesting, unique events to help reunite students as they return to campus.

“The goal we have for this year is rebuilding the community. We will be reaching out to student organizations and departments, not only helping them promote their resources but ours as well,” Shehee said.

Shehee encourages students to keep an eye on their social media for the events they are planning for the fall semester. Their Instagram handle is @wsuab.